



NATIONAL HISTORIC SHIPS UK
The official voice for historic vessels in the United Kingdom

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National Historic Ships UK 2016 award winners announced

The winners of **National Historic Ships UK's 2016 photography competition** and **Marsh Volunteer Awards** were revealed at a prestigious awards ceremony yesterday, on board *HQS Wellington* on London's Victoria Embankment.

National Historic Ships UK's (NHS-UK) annual awards ceremony is a celebration of the UK's maritime heritage and encourages people of all ages and backgrounds to engage with historic vessels through photography, volunteering, or by operating them and encouraging the public to go on board at festivals and events held around the UK coasts, lakes, and rivers.

The accolade of overall winner of the **2016 photography competition** was awarded to Charles McLaren from Shotley after his image, *50 Degrees South* was chosen from hundreds of entries to scoop the £1,000 prize awarded by National Historic Ships UK. This prize will go to a vessel of Charles' choice on the National Register of Historic Vessels.



The competition was strong this year with outstanding entries from a diverse range of entrants. The judging panel were delighted to see both professional and amateur photographers represented, although to ensure fairness these details are not disclosed when selecting the best photographs. Commenting on Mr McLaren's winning image, judge Rob Peake Editor of *Classic Boat* magazine, said: "The winning entry is a breathtaking photo, putting you right there on the aft deck as the boat rolls in a roaring Southern Ocean blow. It's an accomplished shot too, taken no doubt with freezing hands, on the most unstable of

platforms. Terrifying and fascinating, it will either inspire you to go to sea tomorrow, or put you off the idea forever."

The competition has been supported this year by **Classic Boat, Adlard Coles Nautical, Fat Beehive Ltd, Park Lane Press, International Boatbuilding Training College Portsmouth, Events Broadcasting Training Academy, Claudia Myatt, and Freeman's Wharf Boatyard.**

Now in its sixth year, the **Marsh Volunteer Awards** recognise outstanding volunteers in the conservation or operation of historic vessels in the UK.

The Individual award goes to Fred Attwood who volunteers at Portsmouth Naval Base Property Trust was named as the 2016 Marsh Volunteer Award winner and receives a prize of £500.

The Marsh Team Volunteer Award was presented to the Daniel Adamson Preservation Society - Engineering Department for their efforts in operating and maintaining SS *Daniel Adamson*. The team received a prize of £1,000.

Jill Sim who volunteers at RRS *Discovery* was presented with a Special Commendation Award and receives a prize of £500.

The Marsh Volunteer Awards are supported by the Marsh Christian Trust.

The Annual **National Flagship of the Year Award** for operational vessels was awarded to **Balmoral** in recognition of her outstanding public programme, with **Regional Flagship Awards** going to **Kennet** (Merseyside) and **Excelsior** (East Anglia).

For further details on the vessels on the three National Registers and the Replica List held by National Historic Ships UK visit www.nationalhistoricships.org.uk.

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Notes for Editors:

Hi-res images and further information on any of the awards, or further quotes, are available on request.

National Historic Ships UK advises the Department of Culture, Media & Sport and a range of grant giving organisations on priorities for ship conservation and is the official voice for historic vessels in the UK. It maintains the National Register of Historic Vessels, which lists

over a thousand significant craft, along with 3 other registers listing the UK's historic and replica vessels – information at www.nationalhistoricships.org.uk

The Marsh Christian Trust is a grant making body, established by Brian Marsh in 1981. The Trust provides grants to registered charities working in the fields of social welfare, literature arts and heritage, environmental and animal welfare, healthcare and medical research, education and training and a small number overseas. The Trust also runs a portfolio of Awards with a number of internationally and nationally recognised organizations, which seek to recognise unsung heroes who all aim to improve the world we live in.

<http://www.marshchristiantrust.org>

Full list of the NHS-UK photography competition winners:

Category A – photographs of a vessel on the National Register of Historic Vessels

Highly commended – Rudderless Restoration – Bruces AH 94 by Bob Murphy from Edinburgh
Winner – Moored by Moonlight, by Jonathan Lewis from Warborough

Category B – traditional maritime skills in action

Highly commended – Caulking, by Alex Boak from Cunningsburgh, Shetland
Winner – High above, by Pascal Vandecasteele, from Antwerp, Belgium

Category C – Classic Boat favourite: the maritime enthusiast

Highly Commended – CK 78 Mary, by Shaun Mills from West Mersea
Winner – 50 Degrees South, by Charles McLaren from Shotley

Category D – Faces of the sea

Highly commended - On guide me, by Philippe Saudreau from Plérin, France
Winner – Sheltering Ferryman, by David Stearne, from Eyethorne

National Historic Ships UK's Photographer 2015

Overall Winner - 50 Degrees South, by Charles McLaren from Shotley
Special Commendation - CK 78 Mary, by Shaun Mills from West Mersea